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NASA Wallops Employees Visiting Local Schools During Engineers Week

In 1951, the National Society of Professional Engineers established National Engineers Week to take place each year near George Washington's birthday. The nation's first president was an engineer and land surveyor and established the first call for an engineering school that led to the founding of West Point Military Academy.

Employees from the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center's Wallops Flight Facility, Wallops Island, Va., will be visiting local schools as part of National Engineers Week, Feb. 20-26, 2000.

Engineers, scientists and technicians will describe their careers and show students practical applications of their studies in science, math, computer skills, Earth science and physics. Personnel will be visiting 50 classrooms in 15 different schools in Virginia and Maryland. Presentations will focus on math applications, the environment, rocketry and Earth science.

NASA Wallops participation in Engineers Week is one of several educational programs the facility conducts throughout the year in the five-county area. These programs include participation in career days and science fairs, summer work programs, special programs and activities conducted by the NASA Visitor Center personnel and operation of an Educators Resource Center.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A schedule of the classroom visits to schools in your local area is available by calling the Wallops Public Affairs Office (757) 824-1584.

